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DAVID E. JANSSEN
Chief Administrative Officer

April 17, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVE AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH THE
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
FOR THE INVESTING IN EARLY EDUCATORS PROGRAM
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)**

**JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE CHILD CARE PLANNING COMMITTEE THAT YOUR
BOARD:**

1. Approve and instruct the Chairman to sign the contract amendment with the California Department of Education/Child Development Division (CDE/CDD) (Attachment I). This amendment extends the contract period for the Investing in Early Educators Program for an additional one year period through June 30, 2008, and increases the contract amount from \$4.25 million to \$8.50 million. The Office of Child Care, within the Service Integration Branch of the Chief Administrative Office (CAO), manages this contract on behalf of the Child Care Planning Committee (Planning Committee) and operates the Investing in Early Educators Program which is designed to retain an educated and qualified workforce in CDE/CDD-subsidized child development centers and in family child care homes and centers serving a majority of state-subsidized children.
2. Adopt the attached resolution (Attachment II) authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer, or his designee, to act as the agent for the County to execute any amendments or other contract documents that may be necessary to implement the contract.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this action is to adopt the proposed contract amendment with CDE/CDD and ensure the continued operation of the Planning Committee's Investing in Early Educators Program.

The Investing in Early Educators Program supports the County's strategic goals related to service excellence, organizational effectiveness, and children and families' well-being. The

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stipend component of this program is designed to address the quality of child care services by both reducing teacher turnover in CDE/CDD-funded child development centers and promoting their continued education.

Formal approval of this contract amendment by your Board is required to receive additional funding from CDE/CDD to operate the Investing in Early Educators Program. The original contract approved by your Board on June 27, 2006 in the amount of \$4.25 million was for the period of June 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007. This amendment extends the contract term for an additional one year through June 30, 2008, and increases the funding by \$4.25 million for a total of \$8.50 million for the entire contract period. This will allow another cycle of stipend applications and awards, and additional training for eligible program staff and family child care providers.

Participation in the Investing in Early Educators Program has grown significantly. The Office of Child Care is currently processing documents verifying completed coursework for approximately 2,200 applicants. With the approval of the new contract, another stipend cycle (Cycle 9) will be offered.

A formal evaluation of the impact of stipends awarded in Cycles 1 through 3 was completed in January 2006. The results of the evaluation indicated that the stipend program has served as an incentive for child development teachers and assistants to return to, or continue their education at the college level. The evaluation clearly demonstrated that the stipends had a positive impact on the retention of teachers in CDE/CDD-funded programs.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Approval of the attached contract amendment will provide a total of \$8.50 million for the period of June 1, 2006 through June 30, 2008. The original \$4.25 million is included in the CAO's 2006-07 budget, and the second \$4.25 million resulting from this amendment will be included in the CAO's 2007-08 Final Adopted Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

AB 212 was introduced in 1999 by Assembly Member Dion Aroner to improve the quality of child care by addressing the low salaries and high turnover rates in CDE/CDD-funded child development programs. The Investing in Early Educators Program was launched in Fiscal Year 2001-02. Adoption of the proposed contract amendment will support and extend the program into its sixth year of operation.

The County of Los Angeles successfully sponsored legislation (AB 1285) which allowed the Investing in Early Educators Program to include: 1) teachers in non-CDE/CDD-funded centers which serve a majority of state-subsidized children; and 2) family child care providers who are part of a CDE/CDD-funded network or who serve a majority of state-subsidized children. This waiver will continue through the new contract period (2006-08) and allow the program to facilitate higher educational attainment by a greater portion of the early childhood workforce.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Under the terms of the existing contract, the Investing in Early Educators Program will award over 2,000 stipends, totaling nearly \$4 million by June 30, 2007. Approximately 250 of those participants will have completed their Associate, Bachelor, or Master's degree in 2005-2006 and will receive graduation stipends.

In addition, the Investing in Early Educators Program has:

- Trained over 40 child development program administrators in the use of the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale. This instrument is one of the most frequently used tools to assess child development program quality.
- Updated and distributed the publication, "Career Options in Child Development", to over 4,000 participants in the Investing in Early Educators Program, as well as local community colleges and universities.


CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Board, my Office respectfully requests that your staff provides two (2) signed copies (original signatures are required) of the contract amendment and resolution and one (1) adopted copy of the Board letter to Chief Administrative Office, Service Integration Branch, 222 South Hill Street, 5th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Copies will be forwarded to CDE, as required.

Respectfully submitted,



DAVID E. JANSSEN
Chief Administrative Officer



PEGGY SISSON
Chair, Child Care Planning Committee

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Attachments (2)

c: County Counsel
Auditor-Controller

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

1430 N Street

Sacramento, CA 95814-5901

F.Y. 05-06 thru 07-08**Amendment 01****LOCAL AGREEMENT FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
INCREASE/TIME EXTENSION****DATE:** June 01, 2006**CONTRACT NUMBER:** CRET-5017**PROGRAM TYPE:** CC SALARY/RETENTION
INCENTIVE**PROJECT NUMBER:** 19-P999-00-5**CONTRACTOR'S NAME:** LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

This agreement with the State of California dated June 01, 2006 designated as number CRET-5017 shall be amended in the following particulars but no others:

The period of performance shall be amended by deleting reference to June 30, 2007 and inserting June 30, 2008 in place thereof.

The Maximum Reimbursable Amount (MRA) payable pursuant to the provisions of this agreement shall be amended by deleting reference to \$4,250,000.00 and inserting \$8,500,000.00 in place thereof.

EXCEPT AS AMENDED HEREIN all terms and conditions of the original agreement shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:**RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.**
County CounselBy *Michelle Jackson*
Deputy

STATE OF CALIFORNIA		CONTRACTOR	
BY (AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE)		BY (AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE)	
PRINTED NAME OF PERSON SIGNING Margie Burke		PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING	
TITLE Manager, Contracts & Purchasing Svcs		ADDRESS	
AMOUNT ENCUMBERED BY THIS DOCUMENT \$ 4,250,000	PROGRAM/CATEGORY (CODE AND TITLE) Child Development Programs	FUND TITLE	
PRIOR AMOUNT ENCUMBERED FOR THIS CONTRACT \$ 4,250,000	(OPTIONAL USE) See Attached	Department of General Services use only	
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCUMBERED TO DATE \$ 8,500,000	ITEM See Attached	CHAPTER	STATUTE
	OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE (CODE AND TITLE) 702	FISCAL YEAR	
I hereby certify upon my own personal knowledge that budgeted funds are available for the period and purpose of the expenditure stated above.		T.B.A. NO.	B.R. NO.
SIGNATURE OF ACCOUNTING OFFICER See Attached		DATE	

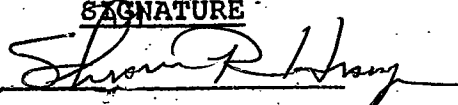
RESOLUTION

This resolution must be adopted in order to certify the approval of the Governing Board to enter into this transaction with the California Department of Education for the purpose of providing child care and development services and to authorize the designated personnel to sign contract documents for Fiscal Years 2006/08.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of County of Los Angeles
Board of Supervisors

authorizes entering into local agreement number/s CRET-5017 and
 that the person/s who is/are listed below, is/are authorized to sign the transaction for the
 Governing Board.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SIGNATURE</u>
<u>David E. Janssen</u>	<u>Chief Admin. Officer</u>	
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ day of _____ 2006/07 by the
 Governing Board of County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors
 of Los Angeles County, California.

I, _____, Clerk of the Governing Board of
 _____, of _____, County,

California, certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution adopted
 by the said Board at a _____ meeting thereof held at a regular
 public place of meeting and the resolution is on file in the office of said Board.

 (Clerk's signature)

 (Date)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.
 County Counsel

By 
 Deputy